

Public Law 103-137
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Joint Resolution

Designating November 22, 1993, as "National Military Families Recognition Day".

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Whereas the Congress recognizes and supports the Department of Defense policies to recruit, train, equip, retain, and field a military force that is capable of preserving peace and protecting the vital interests of the United States and its allies;

Whereas military families shoulder the responsibility of providing emotional support for their service members;

Whereas, in times of war and military action, military families have demonstrated their patriotism through their steadfast support and commitment to the Nation;

Whereas the emotional and mental readiness of the United States military personnel around the world is tied to the well-being and satisfaction of their families;

Whereas the quality of life that the Armed Forces provide to military families is a key factor in the retention of military personnel;

Whereas the people of the United States are truly indebted to military families for facing adversities, including extended separations from their service members, frequent household moves due to reassignments, and restrictions on their employment and educational opportunities;

Whereas 74 percent of officers and 55 percent of enlisted personnel in the Armed Forces are married;

Whereas families of active duty military personnel (including individuals other than spouses and children) comprise more than one-half of the active duty community of the Armed Forces, and spouses and children of members of the reserve component of the Armed Forces in paid status comprise more than one-half of the individuals constituting the reserve component of the Armed Forces community;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of spouses, children, and other dependents living abroad with members of the Armed Forces face financial hardship and feelings of cultural isolation;

Whereas the significantly reduced global military tensions following the end of the Cold War have resulted in a down-sizing of the national defense and a refocusing of national priorities on strengthening the American economy and increasing competitiveness in the global marketplace;

Whereas the Congress is grateful for the sacrifices of military families and is committed to assisting the service members and their families who undergo the transition from active duty to civilian life; and

Whereas military families are devoted to the overall mission of the Department of Defense and have supported the role of the United States as the military leader and protector of the Free World: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 22, 1993 is designated as "National Military Families Recognition Day" in appreciation of the commitment and devotion of present and former military families and the sacrifices that such families have made on behalf of the Nation and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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